

BOROUGH OF RIEGELSVILLE
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**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE
REDISTRICTING AND CONGRESSIONAL REAPPORTIONMENT**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process of the decennial drawing of state legislature and congressional districts of near equal population; and

WHEREAS, legislative redistricting and congressional reappointment has often resulted in the gerrymandering of districts to favor one political party or the other; and

WHEREAS, such gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts has worked at times to the detriment of our representatives democracy by impeding action on critical issues of importance to the people; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a truly independent citizens redistricting commission devoid of the political motivation of partnership will help to ensure a fair and accurate legislative redistricting and congressional reapportionment process that respects political subdivisions and communities of interest, will prohibit districts from being drawn to favor or discriminate against a methodology when setting district boundaries, and allow for public input, and will fully comply with the constitutional requirements that "no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward" be divided" unless absolutely necessary," and

WHEREAS, recent legislation has been introduced in the current legislative session to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to reform the decennial redistricting process with the intent of using fairness and sound methodology in a non-partisan fashion.

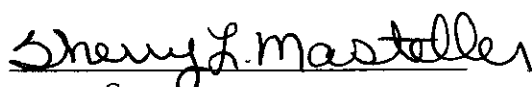
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Riegelsville Borough Council does hereby support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action of a constitutional amendment that would, among other reforms, assign the decennial task of both legislative redistricting and congressional reappointment to an independent citizens redistricting commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution to all Members of the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives.

Borough of Riegelsville

By 
Council President

Attest:


Secretary